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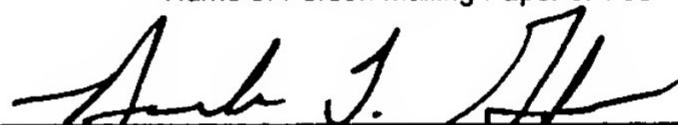
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- (1) Sekita et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,498,687 B1, issued December 24, 2002;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2000-137164 (NIKON CORP), published May 16, 2000; and
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 08-248318 (SONY CORP), published September 27, 1996.

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- (4) Uzawa, U.S. Patent No. 5,448,319, issued September 5, 1995;
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- (8) Nakamura et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,104,432, issued August 15, 2000; and
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